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In re application of

: **Confirmation No. 7196**

Tetsunori FUJISAWA et al.

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: Group Art Unit 1634

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 8, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for five months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of "Groups 1-34, claims 23-25, drawn to enzyme inhibitor compounds".

This response is made with traverse.

The restriction requirement is unduly burdensome and does not comply with PTO practice. The claimed compounds have a common core and common activity.

Moreover, restriction is improper because the present claims were added in Applicants' last response as a result of the direct invitation of the Examiner to do so. See the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the Action dated April 14, 2003.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is solicited.

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